

For he be fadir of circuncisioun / not
only to hem pat ben of circuncisi-
oun: but also to hem pat liue þe
stepis. of þe fey / which fey is
in spucie of our fadir abraham
for not bi þe lawe. is biheeste to
abraham or to his seed. þe schil-
de be eyr of þe world: but bi þe
ristwysnesse of fey / for if þe
pat ben of þe lawe. ben eyris:
fey is distroyed. biheeste is don a-
wey / for þe lawe worchip þray-
pe / for where is no lawe þer is
no trespas: ney is trespassing /
þfore ristwysnesse is of þe fey:
þ bi grace biheeste be stable to
ech seed / not to pat seed only pat
is of þe lawe: but to pat pat is
of þe fey of abraham / which is fa-
dir of us alle: as it is writun / for
þ haue lett þee fadir of many fol-
kis bifore god: to whom þon hast
biueued / which god quykeneþ
deed me: & clepy þo rygis pat be
not as þo pat ben / which abraham
azens hope. biueued into hope:
þ he schilde be maid fadir of ma-
ny folkis. As it was leid to hym
þus schal þi seed be. as þe steris
of heuene. & as þe granel pat
is in þe bynke of þe see / & he
was not maid vntil fast in þe
bileue. ney he biheeste his body
þane nyz deed. whane he was
almost of an hundred yer. ne þe
wombe of sare nyz deed / also in
þe biheeste of god. he donide not
wyttrist: but he was confort-
tid in bileue. 3ynge glorie to
god / writige moost fully. þ whi-
en rygis god hay biht: he is nyz
ti also to do / þefore it was aret-
tid to hi to ristwysnesse / & it is

not wrytun only for hi. þ it was
arettid to hi to ristwysnesse: but
also for us to which it schal be
arettid. pat bileue in hi pat res-
tite our lord ihu crist fro deþ / whi-
ch was bitakun for our synes: &
rool agen for our iustifying. **¶**
Vefore we wri-
fied of fey: haue we pees
at god bi our lord ihu crist / bi
whom we han nyz goyng to.
þ fey into þis grace. in which
we stonden & han glorie in þe hope
of reglorie of godis children: &
not þis only: but also we glori-
en in tribulacioun / writige. þ
tribulacioun worchip patience
& patience þynge / & þynge hope
& hope confortid not / for þe chari-
te of god is lpyed abroad i our her-
tis bi þe hooly gott pat is zouni
to us / and whyle þ we were lpye
after þe tyme. wher dyde crist for
wicked me for synis dpye our ma-
for þe iust man / & it for a good ma-
pauente liu ma dar dpe: but god
comedy his charite in vs / for if whi-
ne we were 3it syners: after þe
tyme crist was deed for vs þane
moche more now we iustified i his
blood schulen be saue fro wyape
bi hi / for if whane whane we
weren enemyes: we ben recon-
celid to god bi þe deþ of his sone /
nyche more we reconceld: schu-
len be saue in þe lpy of hi / & not
only þis: but also we glorien
in god. bi our lord ihu crist: bi
whi we han resleyued now re-
concelis / þfore as þo ma synen
tride into þis world. & bi þe deþ
& so deþ passid for to alle me:
in which ma alle me syneden for til

to þe lawe: syne was in þe world
but syne was not retyd: whi-
lawe was not. But deþ regnede
from adam til to moyses. Also i
to hem pat syneden not. i hines-
se of þe trespassing of ada: þe whi-
ch is lynesse of crist to conyge / but
not as gilt: so þe 3ite / for if þyn-
þe gilt of oon. manye ben deed:
moche more þe grace of god / &
þe 3ite in þe grace of o ma ihu
crist hay aboundid into many me
& not as bi o syne. so bi þe 3ite
for þe don of oon into condeþna-
cioun: but grace of many giltis
into iustificacioun / for if in þe gilt
of oon. deþ regnede þynz oon: mo-
che more me þe 3ite: plente of
grace & of 3ynge & of ristwys-
nesse schule regne in lpy bi oon
ihu crist / þfor as bi þe gilt of oon
into alle me into condeþnacioun:
so bi þe ristwysnesse of oon. to
alle me into iustifying of lpy / for
as bi moþedience of oon ma. ma-
nye ben maid syners: so bi þe
obedience of oon. manye schule
be iust / and þe lawe entride: þ
gilt schule be plenteuous / but
wher gilt was plenteuous: gra-
ce was more plenteuo / þ as sy-
ne regnede into deþ. so grace
regne bi ristwysnesse into euer-
lastige lpy bi ihu crist our lord. **¶**
Vefore what **¶**
Chile we seie / schulen
we dyelle in syne: þ gre-
be plenteuo: god forbete / for h-
ois schulen we pat ben deed to sy-
ne: lpye 3it þe 3ite: wher byþen
ze kuowe not. þ whiche eu we be
baptid in crist ihu: we ben bap-
tid in his deþ / for we ben to

gideþ: buried wryt bi baptym i
to deþ / þas crist aroos fro deþ bi
þe glorie of þe fadir: so walke we
i a newnesse of lpy / for if we plan-
tid to gyde. ben maid to þe lynes-
se of his deþ: also we schule be of
þe lynesse of his ristwysnesse: bi
tyme þis ryg / our olde man is
crucified to gyde: þ þe body of sy-
ne be distroyed: þ we serue no mo-
re to syne / for he pat is deed: is ius-
tified fro syne / & if we ben deed
wryt crist: we bileue / also we schu-
len lpye to gyde wryt hi writige.
for crist ristige agen fro deþ: now
dyeþ not: deþ schal no more haue
lordship on hi / for þ he was deed
to syne: he was deed onys / but þ
he lpye: he lpye to god / so ze de-
me zoun silt to be deed to syne: but
þynge to god ihu crist our lord /
þefore regne not syne i zoun e-
teþly body: þ ze obeithe to his co-
netyngis / ney 3yne ze zoun meþis.
arrunris of wickednesse to syne:
but 3yne ze zoun silt to god. as þe
pat synen of deed me. & zoun me
bis arrunris of ristwysnesse to
god / for syne schal not haue lord-
ship on zoun / for ze ben not vndir
þe lawe: but vndir grace / what
þefore / schulen we do syne. for we
ben not vndir þe lawe: but vndir
grace / god forbete / wryt ze not þ
to whom ze synen zoun seruantis
to obeit to: ze ben seruantis of pat
ryg to which ze han obeitid: / ep
of syne to deþ: ep of obedience
to ristwysnesse / but / þanke god
þ ze weren seruantis of syne: but
ze han obeitid of herte. into pat
fourme of teching. in which ze be
bitakun / & ze deliuerid fro syne.